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Shred it for NOTL Palliative Care

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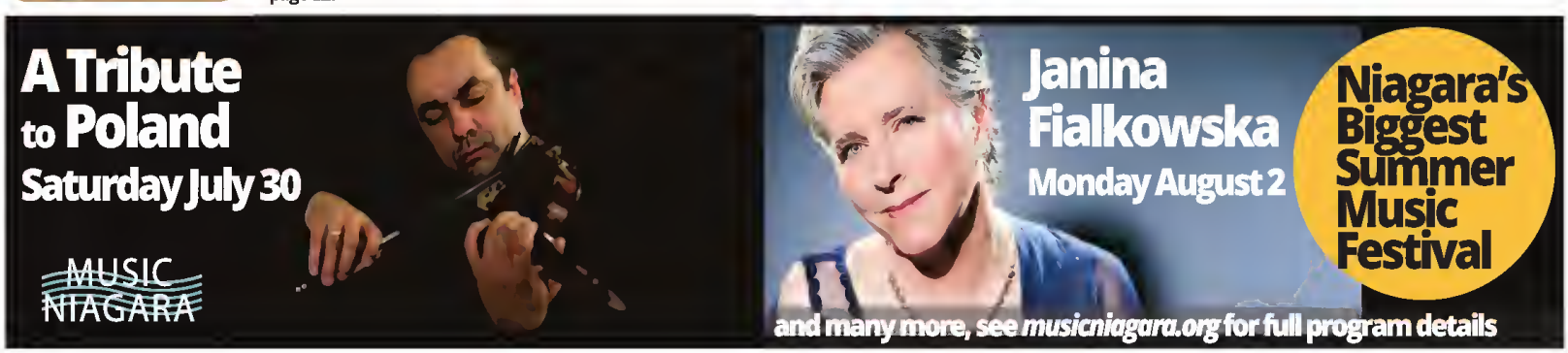
Terry Mactaggart, left, program co-ordinator at Niagara-on-the-Lake Palliative Care Service, Doug Martin, Meridian Credit Union branch manager, Margret Walker, SHRED-IT event co-ordinator and Laurie Harley, Palliative Care Service board member, getting ready for their event on Aug. 13. For more information see page 12.



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Regional councillor wants to see splash pad revert back to wading pool

SUZANNE MASON
Special to the Niagara Advance

Regional Coun. Gary Burroughs came under fire from a Niagara-on-the-Lake councillor Monday following his request that the splash pad in Simcoe Park be turned back into a wading pool.

The water feature in the park had been used as a wading pool by generations of local children and visiting families until the end of June. After being informed of new provincial regulations on water safety by the Niagara Region, the town began operating the water fountain as a splash pad only.

Burroughs said he was speaking on behalf of neighbouring residents who want the wading pool reopened until the end of the summer. He denied that the Region ordered the town to close it unless a fence was erected around it and lifeguards were hired.

He said the new provincial guidelines are meant to prevent injuries and provide adequate water quality, but he did not see any references to staffing or fencing in the legislation when there is less than 30 inches of water in a wading pool.

"It's actually more dangerous the way it is currently running," said Burroughs.

Director of operations Sheldon Randall said there was "pretty clear direction" from the Region that the wading pool did not meet provincial guidelines. He said an inspection by regional staff June 22 showed non-compliance and that staffing and a fence were required if the town wanted to keep operating it.

Randall said the direction from the Region was that there were no other options for keeping the wading pool open.

"Coun. Burroughs could have called us and given us a heads up," said Coun. Jim Collard, regarding his feedback on the issue.

He said he would also like the pool to be re-opened, but he believed that the town did what it was told to do by the Region last month.

"Coun. Burroughs should have known better," said Collard. "He put us out on a limb tonight and tried to cut us off."

Coun. Martin Mazza noted that they were hearing conflicting stories from the Region and town staff about the decision to close the pool. Council decided to ask town staff to meet with regional staff as soon as possible to determine if the wading pool could be re-opened for the rest of the summer.

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NOTL hosts Communities in Bloom judges

ANNIE PASQUARIELLO
Special to the Niagara Advance

Niagara-on-the-Lake played host to two Communities in Bloom judges on the weekend as part of the town's evaluation in the upcoming national competition.

Reviewing the town and taking notes, the judges visited some highlights from the Queenston Quarry to Fort George to local wineries.

NOTL is participating in the 2016 national edition of Communities in Bloom in the 9,001 to 25,000 population category, along with Amherstburg, ON., Bois-des-Filion, QC., and South Huron, ON.

The two judges, Sylvie Cormier of Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC., and Colleen Stockford of Sussex, N.B., said community involvement is one of the main keys which makes a community a winner.

"Lots of organization from a community together creates wonderful results," says Cormier. "Communities in Bloom is a wonderful program that grows up the community and everyone can benefit from it."

Stockford reiterates that sentiment.

"It's nice to see all of the different organizations coming together to make something great. Community involvement following all criteria and making sure community involvement is in all of those is what we look for," she says.

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Communities in Bloom judges were welcomed to NOTL by volunteers dressed in period clothing and Lord Mayor Pat Darte last Thursday.

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Communities in Bloom judges Colleen Stockford and Sylvie Cormier with Scott Finlay of Parks Canada on a tour of Fort George on Saturday. The judges were in town evaluating criteria for the upcoming national competition.

Judges impressed with warm welcome

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NOTL is in its second year participating in the program, which consists of communities being evaluated by a volunteer jury of trained professionals on the accomplishments of their entire community on the following key criteria: tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscape, and floral displays.

The CIB committee launched an old favourite as the flower that will represent NOTL in the national competition, the 1812 Rose. This rose was used in 2012 by the Town Bicentennial Committee and the Ontario Horticultural Society convention held in NOTL in the same year. This rose has been planted in different properties around town. There is a bed on Ricardo Street and a bed at the Niagara Historical Society and Museum.

The judges marks are to be submitted by August 19, after they complete their tour of all the competitors and the results of the competition will be announced in October in Regina, Sask.

The judges were impressed with the warm welcome they received.

"The hospitality has been superb. If there was an award for hospitality, I would hand it out. They should get recognition for that," says Stockford

Tony Chisholm from the CIB committee says the passion everyone feels towards our beautiful town was expressed over and over again to the judges.

"They seemed constantly overwhelmed by the beauty and heritage of our town and the volunteers' passion for NOTL," he says.

Communities in Bloom is an organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program. The focus is on enhancing green spaces in communities.

For more information on the Communities in Bloom program e-mail cib@notl.org, or visit www.notl.org/content/communities-bloom.

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Fun at the St. Davids Lions Carnival

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Gage Douglas and Sawyer Douglas are pictured in this photo riding motorcycles Saturday.

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Volunteer Kenny Fidler, gives Roman Typer a high five after playing a game. Also pictured is Blake Rocco on Saturday.

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Four-year-old Brandon Orozco, of St. Catharines, rides a giant slide on Saturday.

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Water the ground underneath your plants, not the flowers, to save on water bill

MARLA PERCY
Gardening Tips

Today as I write the sky is teasing rain, but I'm not putting any faith in the event.

Have you noticed everyone is too cranky from too much sun. It's just not right. It makes me think that perhaps the reason Californians have that loopy attitude is that they just don't get enough rain to keep them grounded. Just a theory.

Some of you may have received by e-mail Mori Gardens suggestions for watering in drought. If you didn't receive it, I'm sure you could get a copy from the store or the web site.

In order to save on your water bill, water only the ground underneath your plants and not the flowers. Keep the main watering for tender plants, new plants and trees.

When I first planted in my garden I threw in some coneflowers as I knew they were a sure thing. But I forgot that one coneflower begets two coneflowers begets…

I also started to find my coneflowers a bit scruffy compared to other more elegant varieties in the collection so I decided that this fall I would cull a lot of them. But wait. Can you guess which flower this summer looks better than most of the others? They can handle this hot weather and seem to thrive. They're positively regal. You can also be a bit cavalier with butterfly bush, caryopteris, portulaca, sunflowers, zinnias and dusty millers, not to mention Russian sage, lavender, day lilies, false indigo and sedums. I have all of these and they're not doing badly. I give them a bit of help, but mainly I'm worrying over the roses, begonias and clematis, which are looking very sorry indeed.

Too late for this summer, but if you're having problems, try some of the aforementioned, as well as blue flax, liatris, coreopsis, sea lavender, yarrow, bearded iris, lady's mantle (the toughest of the coral bell family) sweet woodruff, even peonies. They may not all be drought proof but if they are established they should be drought tolerant. And it would seem that we are going to have to be more mindful of our use of water in the future, not to mention the frustration of buying a new sweet young thing and watching it shrivel before your eyes.

I have been watering religiously a tuberous begonia, one of the angel wings variety, and had a close look yesterday realized that not only was it bone dry despite the watering but that it had been stepped upon and I suspect it was by my resident rabbit who is not dainty on his feet. So another compost addition.

As I have spent a lot of philosophical time behind the hose this summer, I have noticed that the robins, as soon as they hear the water, hop up patiently behind me waiting, knowing that where there is water there will be worms. Occasionally I turn off the water, and look around at one. The bird eyes me with the utmost contempt, as if to say, "Do you mind? I'm waiting here, and I haven't all day."

I receive by e-mail a newsletter written by Kenneth C. Brown called 'Dallying in the Dirt' which I highly recommend. Anyone can sign up and he writes about his current garden problems and solutions.

He, too, had the dreaded red lily beetle, plus more recently a nasty beetle variety eating his cucumbers. He goes out in the morning with his needle-nosed pliers to do damage to his beetles. I gather they are easy to collect and dispose of this way. I like this and you don't have to get bug goo on your fingers. He also mentioned that he tried a new hybrid lily called a LA hybrid lily which is a cross between an oriental and a Longiflorum or Easter lily.

It is 1.5 metres tall and so far no nasty red lily beetles. There is no word on whether the resistance will stay this way but we can hope.

Ah relief. Our rain dances seemed to have worked and we've had a lovely rain during the night. It won't solve all our watering problems but will certainly help and we can be hose free for a day or so.

Do you remember?

JIM SMITH/SPECIAL TO THE NIAGARA ADVANCE

Our cherished ship, the Cayuga, at the Niagara dock. The wooden platforms on the right side are part of the diving tower my dad built for swimmers. Many boys and girls would dive for money that the travellers on the Cayuga would throw into the water. Swimmers at the Niagara beach looked forward to diving into the huge waves the ship created as she left the mouth of the river for Toronto.

Letters to the Editor

PROPOSED PLANS WRONG FOR NOTL

The proposed plans by the Pillar and Post Inn and Spa to create outdoor event areas, a conference centre and gardens on the land formerly occupied by C&C Yachts would cause a massive late-night noise issue for nearby residents, significantly increase the risk of accidents involving vehicles, pedestrians and bikes at the intersection of John and King streets, and result in more cars being parked on residential streets. Niagara-on-the-Lake council should not allow this project to proceed.

The Pillar and Post proposal would see two outdoor tents, each able to accommodate 150 people, built adjacent to Ann and King streets. A conference centre would be constructed in the same vicinity, with additional outdoor space. Area homes would regularly be bombarded with afternoon and late-night noise made by up to 350 people, in addition to amplified music and speeches, all summer long.

Even the Pillar and Post admits that the noise mitigation measures it has proposed, including a wall and berm at the perimeter of the property, directional sound system, and sound-reducing construction materials, will not eliminate the problem. Residents will hear the noise from the Pillar and Post, as well as the noise from increased road traffic, parked cars being started late at night, and people leaving the Inn.

When NOTL bylaw enforcement officials have advised council that late-night noise complaints are increasing, and that they are not equipped to respond to them (complaints are largely handled by Niagara Regional Police), approving a proposal guaranteed to add to the noise issue in town makes no sense. Nor does it make sense to set a precedent that could lead to similar development proposals within the heart of old town.

It may be that the design concept for the development of the C&C Yachts property will be an award winner, but that should be irrelevant to Council's decision. The question is whether the project is right for NOTL. It isn't. The town has more than enough outdoor entertainment space already.

Terence Davis

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Classics, swing and history at Music Niagara this weekend

CHRIS BLAKE
Special to the Niagara Advance

Classics, swing, history, and a Wine and Music concert dedicated to the late Liz Ikonikov.

For the upcoming long weekend, Music Niagara presents a remarkably varied series of eight concerts, beginning on Friday with the Syréne Quartet's Ragtime show.

This talented group of Dutch seductresses of the saxophone delighted the Music Niagara audience two weeks ago at our opening gala, with their classical program. On Friday night they lighten the mood with a lively program of swing, syncopation and ragtime.

Saturday morning at 11:30 a.m. at Peller Estates the CamerAtis Quartet joins guest artist Anita Anton for a pairing of Mozart and Haydn with the wines of Peller.

This concert is dedicated to the late Liz Ikonikov, a music enthusiast and keen Music Niagara volunteer.

On Saturday evening at St Mark's, the celebrated Polish violinist, Bartosz Bryla, visits NOTL to headline a program of Polish music in tribute to the Polish patriots who lived, trained and died here in NOTL one hundred years ago during the Great War. The program includes works by the eminent Polish composer and Prime Minister of Poland Ignacy Paderewski.

Later on Saturday night jazz trumpeter Mike Field and his quintet return for a sold out performance at the patio at the Epicurean. This group has built a loyal following with Music Niagara audiences with their high-energy, bold and brassy musicality.

The Thorold Reed Band is one of the oldest concert bands in Canadian history, playing since 1851 – older than our country itself. They will perform at the Bandshell in Simcoe Park at 2pm on Sunday. Expect a lively program of classics, pops, film music and traditional favourites.

The remarkable Canadian novelist, playwright and journalist David Macfarlane wrote about his Newfoundland family and their involvement in the Great War in his novel The Danger Tree. From the muddy trenches of France to the lonely towns of Newfoundland, it depicts a family and the war that changed it forever. Macfarlane has teamed up with musician Douglas Cameron to render the saga in words and music for a passionate, poignant and deeply funny tale of a gang of heroes, dreamers, and charlatans. Catch this beautiful story on Sunday evening at St Mark's.

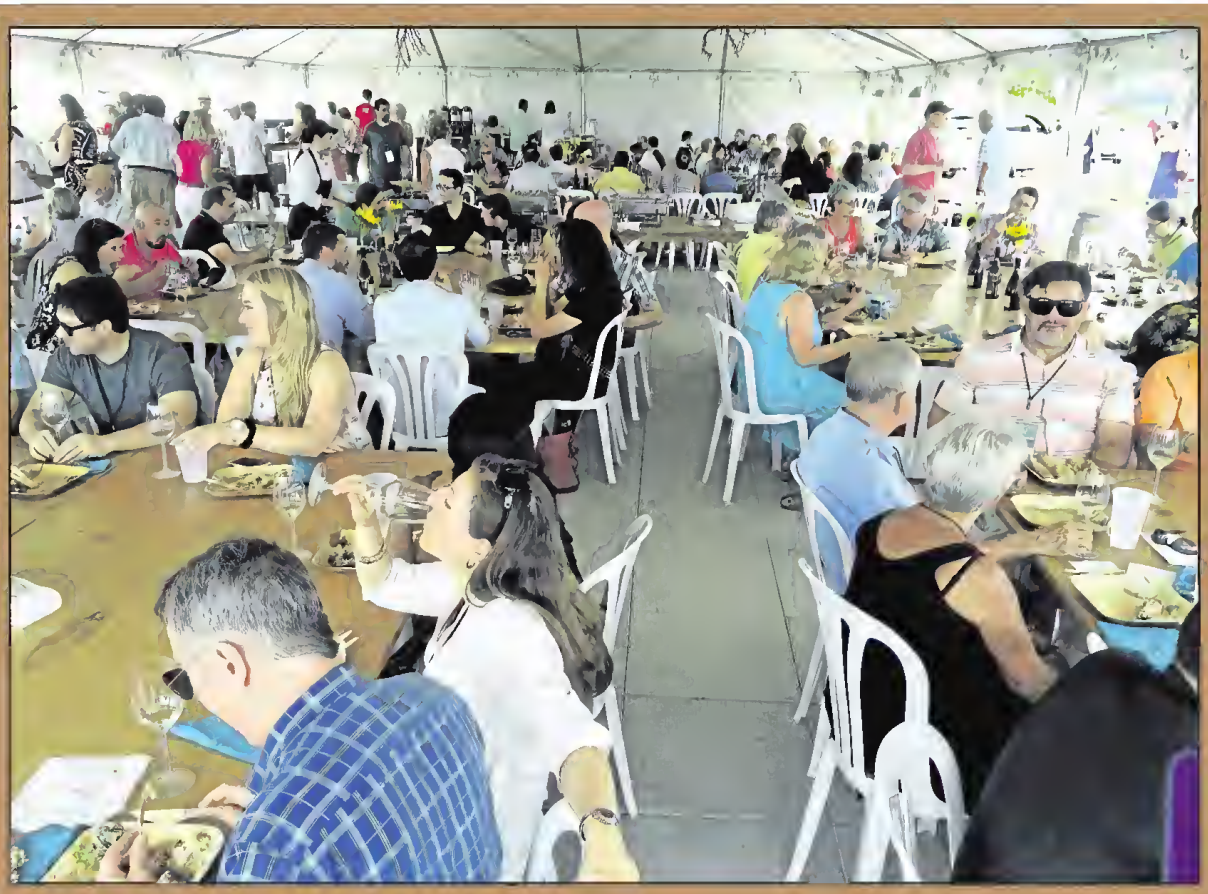
The Toronto All Star Big Band has become a Music Niagara favourite over the past few years and their Simcoe Day concert at Ravine Winery is already sold out. This group of passionate and talented young musicians never fails to entertain and we're sure that this year's concert will be no exception.

On Tuesday, Aug. 2 we welcome the brilliant Canadian pianist Janina Fialkowska. It's been two years since Janina appeared on our stage and her 65th birthday tour of the country offers an ideal opportunity to present again one of the world's leading interpreters of the music of Chopin. Janina has built a global reputation for her understanding of the great composer and accordingly she will present an all-Chopin program reflecting her unique talent for these masterpieces of the piano repertoire. This is indubitably "a must see" for lovers of the piano.

Tickets are available through the Shaw Box office at 905 – 468 – 2172 or the Music Niagara web site musicniagara.org

Garden of the Week

This weekÕs winner is the garden of James McMicking on Creekside, St Davids. On entering the garden you notice the shape of the catalpa trees is mirrored by the box wood and standard blue spruce, this consistency and form is very pleasing to the eye. The white begonias and hydrangea wreath on the front door echo the Annabelle hydrangeas that edged the property. The use of red geranium and begonias make for a interesting contrast to the garden. Garden of the Week is sponsored by the Niagara Advance, NOTL Horticultural Society and Communities in Bloom. Nominate your garden, a friend's, neighbour's or any exceptional garden you find by e-mailing lkulchar@notl.org.



Big brunch wraps up Chardonnay festival

DON FRASER/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

A tent at Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery in St. Davids served as the Sunday brunch send-off for this year's annual International Cool Climate Chardonnay Celebration. The high-profile Niagara wine event featured four days of Chardonnay wine promotion and casual events in Niagara. This year marked the sixth year of the event, also known as i4C, which has brought together dozens of wineries from cool-climate regions and included numerous winery stakeholders and visitors. Pinot Noir, Gamay and Cabernet Franc cool-climate varietals were also to be poured at various events. "It was incredible, we had a beautiful weekend of weather," said event co-ordinator Alicia Tymoszewicz at the Movable Feast brunch. "We had amazing winemakers from all over the world, and all the guests that joined us are our biggest fans." A Flights of Charonnay event at the Niagara District Airport in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Friday brought close to 700 guests, she said. Almost 900 guests attended Saturday's Cool Chardonnay World Tour Tasting and Dinner gathering at Ridley College in St. Catharines, and 350 the final brunch.

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Shaw Festival to host Alice in Wonderland themed affair

ANNIE PASQUARIELLO
Special to the Niagara Advance

After an eight-year hiatus, the Village Fair and Fête returns this year as the Wonderland Faire.

This one-day, admission-free Alice in Wonderland themed fundraiser will take place on the Shaw Festival grounds on Aug.1 from noon to 5 p.m.

In 1989, company members of the Shaw Festival inaugurated a fundraising event modelled after an old-fashioned English country fair: the Village Fair and Fête. During its 20-year run, the annual fundraiser raised a total of $250,000 for a number of local and industry-related charities.

For 20 years, the first Monday in August, a "dark day" for members of the ensemble (traditionally the day when no performances are scheduled), became an annual opportunity for Shaw Festival company members to get together and raise money for the local community.

In 2008, the principal planners of the yearly event decided to put the Fair and Fête into retirement.

When it was announced that the Shaw Festival was premiering a new production of Alice in Wonderland in 2016, Beatrice Campbell and Allan Teichman, stage managers at the Shaw Festival, thought it was perfect timing to revive the Fair and Fête just for this year.

Some of the featured Wonderland Faire activities include face painting, a hair and nails kids salon, the Pool of Tears-dunk tank, a bouncy castle, Pin-the-Grin on the Cheshire Cat, Decorate a Mad Hat, the Mad Hatter's Caucas Race and Celebrity Scrabble. The day will also include a clothing booth, a rummage sale, bake sale, Advice from the Caterpillar books, games, DVD and CD table. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase, as well as BBQ at the Pig and Pepper BBQ.

In keeping with the theme of this year's event, all net proceeds will go to children's charities with a local connection. These include: The Raft, Family and Children's Services Niagara, Canadian National Institue for the Blind, Niagara Elementary Instrumental Music, Red Roof Retreat and Pathstone Mental Health.

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Join the Friends of Fort George for a Jane Austen inspired affair

JENNIFER CHORNLEY
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It's been 205 years since 19th Century English author Jane Austen published her first novel Sense and Sensibility and, today, remains one of the world's most widely-read classic literary pieces.

In celebration of the novel, the Friends of Fort George invites everyone to Sense and Sensibility: A Barton Cottage Social on Thursday, Aug. 4 at Navy Hall.

Friends of Fort George administrator Amanda Gamble explained that Austen's work is contemporary to the time period portrayed at Fort George. The Social event, which is based upon the book's origins, provides a glimpse into the middle and upper class lifestyles of the regency period, which is something many officers left behind when they came to Upper Canada.

Gamble said the regency evening includes book trivia, music, book discussion, shopping, period games, tea and treats set amongst the backdrop of picturesque Navy Hall. Participants can try writing with a quill pen in the style of Jane Austen, as well as other fun regency-era activities.

Dressing up in period attire is encouraged.

Sense and Sensibility was the first novel successfully published by Jane Austen. It was originally printed in three volumes in October 1811. The booked is based around two sisters, Elinor and Marianne Dashwood, and their lives after their father's passing.

This year's event is similar to last year's Emma's Box Hill Picnic, which celebrated the 200th Anniversary of another Austen classic, Emma.

Those wanting to attend, tickets are $20 per person. To register, contact the Friends of Fort George at 905-468-6621, or email admin@friendsoffortgeorge.ca. The Social evening begins at 7 p.m.

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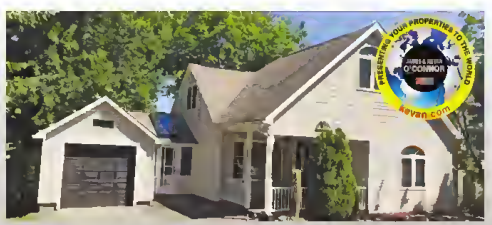

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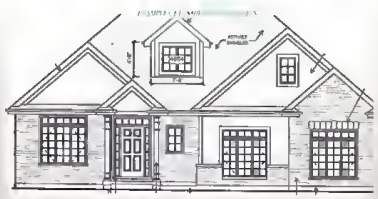

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SHRED-IT returns to NOTL on Aug. 13

KRIS DUBÉ
Special to the Niagara Advance

Niagara-on-the-Lake Palliative Care Service doesn't know how much longer the facility it has operated out of for the last 30 years will be considered home.

That's why the SHRED-IT event has been revived and will support the anticipated cost of having to secure and pay for a new location.

From 2011 to 2014, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital Auxiliary hosted the opportunity for members of the public to safely destroy personal documents – at a cost much lower than other options that are out there. Each year it served as a fundraiser for the palliative care service.

When the hospital closed its doors in 2014 – this also caused the dissolution of the auxiliary – about 90 years after it was established.

With the commotion of the hospital closure mostly calmed down – the SHRED-IT event will make its comeback on Aug. 13 at the Meridian Credit Union on Niagara Stone Road in Virgil.

In 2014, the event brought in a profit of $2,800 and this year's co-ordinator, Margret Walker, said her team of volunteers making the event possible would be delighted to bring in that much this time around.

"We would be very happy if we came near that. It would be wonderful," said Walker.

All of the funds raised will contribute to the palliative care service's upcoming search for a new headquarters.

Its current office is located in the former nurses' residence behind the recently-closed hospital.

Walker also said when the service will need to relocate is unknown.

"We've been there a long time – but we're going to be homeless shortly," she said.

NOTL Palliative Care Service support approximately 60 clients. It has one part-time paid employee and 20 volunteers who make visits to local residences and the three long-term care homes in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Doug Martin, branch manager of the Meridian Credit Union in Virgil, said that although identity theft cases are becoming more common in the Internet world – it's still very important to not make yourself vulnerable by leaving a paper trail of your records.

It doesn't take much for a fraudster to get your information and begin filling out a T4 form under your identity, for example.

"If somebody has your social insurance number, that's the first step in creating an income confirmation document that can be used to apply for credit in your name, unbeknownst to you," said Martin.

He also said his branch is glad to be able to host the event, once again.

"The community can support the great work that Palliative Care does and it gives our community an outlet to dispose of their sensitive documents, which is not easily accessible for the general public," added Martin.

Residents are encouraged to bring their unwanted paperwork to the branch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 13, rain or shine.

One banker's box will be shredded for $6 and three boxes for $15.

Walker wishes to thank all the people involved in bringing the event back after its one-year hiatus.

The Meridian Credit Union in Virgil is located at 1567 Niagara Stone Rd.

For more information, visit www.notlpc.com.

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Past is Present Heritage Festival set for Aug. 1

ANNIE PASQUARIELLO
Special to the Niagara Advance

Right in the heart of Old Town, there is something fun to do on civic holiday with a touch of history.

Now in its fourth year, the Niagara Historical Museum will be holding its Past is Present heritage festival.

Entertainment throughout the day will feature live music by Niagara Music Award winner Aaron Berger in the morning and musicians from the Niagara Old Tyme Fiddlers Association in the afternoon. Historic demonstrations include the Mackenzie Printery, an antique firearms display, wool spinning and other exhibitors.

Food vendors will be on site including heritage costume and food expert Pam Mundy and a pig roast by PigOut.

"This event started as a way to bring something to the community on civic holiday, celebrating heritage," says Amy Klassen, society administrator.

"We don't often get a chance to do stuff on the museum grounds and this is a great opportunity to bring in a larger crowd while raising revenues for the museum."

The Niagara Historical Society and Museum will be raising funds through their treasures sale and annual raffle tickets. Proceeds from the sale and raffle support the ongoing care and preservation of the Museum's collection.

This year, Leon Perel, generalist appraiser will be on site from 2 p.m., to 4 p.m., doing antique appraisals in The Antiques Roadshow fashion. The cost is $10 per item or 3 items for $25. Appraisal appointments must be made in advance by calling the Museum at 905-468-3912.

Admission to the Museum grounds and the exhibits inside are free. The current exhibition, Janet's Gems, celebrates 120 years of the Museum's unparalleled collection and the important work done by the founder, Janet Carnochan.

The Past is Present annual heritage festival will be taking place on Monday Aug. 1 from 11 a.m., to 4 p.m.

The Niagara Historical Society and Museum is located at 43 Castlereagh Street. For more information and a full list of participants visit www.niagarahistorical.museum or call the museum at 905-468-3912.

NIAGARA HISTORICAL MUSEUM/SPECIAL TO THE NIAGARA ADVANCE

Victor Packard shows off his antique firearms at last year's The Past is Present. The annual heritage festival is hosted by the Niagara Historical Museum. This year, the festival will be held Aug. 1.

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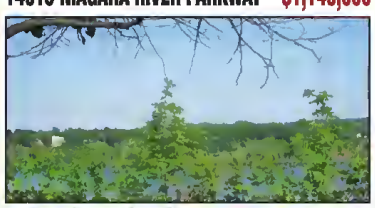
376 JOHNSON STREET $729,000

Location, privacy, charm! This home has it all. This upgraded bungalow sits on a gorgeous, large private lot, located in a sought after neighbourhood in the Old Town. This cozy home is quintessential "Niagara-on-the-Lake" from days gone by, with the luxurious quality upgrades expected today. **Marilyn Francis.**

14770 NIAGARA RIVER PARKWAY $1,495,000

This beautiful upscale bungalow has it all. Four bedrooms, 4 baths; Gourmet kitchen/Great room; Finished lower level with bar & wine cellar; Screened in veranda overlooking fabulous rear yard with outdoor kitchen and your own three hole putting green. **MLS# N30041212. Victoria Bolduc.**

14916 NIAGARA RIVER PARKWAY $1,149,000



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15602 NIAGARA RIVER PARKWAY $929,000

Substantial 5 bedroom, 3 bath bungalow in prime parkway location with views of the river and surrounded by vineyards. Property is just under one acre (.83 acres) and the house offers approximately 4000 square feet of finished living space with great vistas from every angle. Basement is finished with walkouts to beautifully landscaped backyard and entertainment size patios. **MLS 30520182. Thomas Elltoft and Kim Elltoft.**

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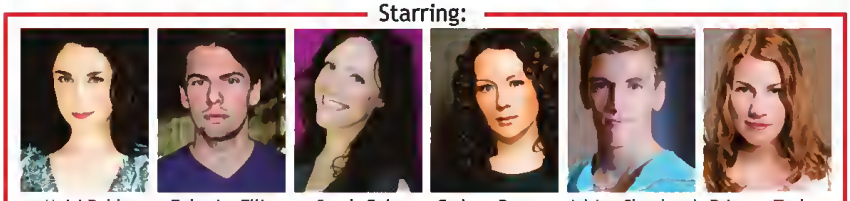

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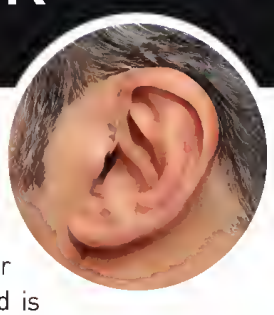

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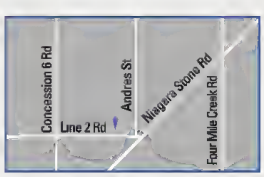

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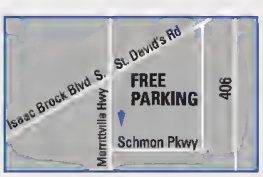

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Four men in Niagara-on-the-Lake have taken it upon themselves to build a boat and enter the popular Great Contraption Race on July 30. This is the third year for this popular race for charity down the Niagara River from Lewiston, NY

The four crew members, Rick Meloen, Richard Coyne, Dan Plomish, and Tony Chisholm have formed the only Canadian team, called Loonies-on-the-Lake to take on the Americans.

"We're out to win," said Chisholm.

He added that he has watched the race from his boat for the past two years and has been itching for the opportunity to enter.

The rules state that the hoat has to he built by the team members from recyclable materials and cannot have any power source other than the team members. Creativity and costumes are highly encouraged by the race organizers.

The unique boat has been carefully crafted over the past two months and underwent sea trials on July 15 at Queens Royal Park Beach.

The crew members wore life jackets as a precaution incase the vessel sank. Only sailors who know how to swim were selected for this competitive journey down the mighty Niagara River.

"Crew safety is our first priority, after winning of course" said veteran crazy boat builder, Coyne.

It is a fundraiser for a Lewiston charity called It Happened to Alexa Foundation. All proceeds raised from the race go to this charity to support victims of sexual assault through the criminal trial process by offering emotional and monetary support. Following the race there will be a crazy boat party in Youngstown and the crew of the Canadian yacht plan to be the first there.

"This follows a long tradition of boat building in NOTL" said Meloen who owns the farm where the boat was carefully constructed. "It's not pretty, but I think it will float OK, or at least for awhile."

The crew are all proud Canadians who will fly both the Canadian flag and the new NOTL flag from the stern. They have red costumes and are hopeful of wrestling the winners crown from the leading American teams, despite their inexperience.

The unique design has a replica of the town's Cenotaph Clock Tower on board.

"We want everyone to know where we are from and who is winning," Chisholm said.

"If the craft proves seaworthy, I'm looking forward to the float down river that I used to do as a kid in an inner tube," Plomish added.

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Thunderhawks lose semi-final series in Game 5

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The Niagara-on-the-Lake Junior B Thunderhawks Lacrosse Club gave it their best effort in Game 5 of their best of five semi-final series, falling just short in a 9-8 defeat to the Windsor Clippers.

Down 6-2 after the first period, the Thunderhawks rallied back in the second period outscoring Windsor 5-2 but remained down by a goal. The third period was a back and forth defensive struggle with each team giving up a single goal.

Niagara hit the post twice in the last five minutes but could not tie the game. Hunter Lemieux scored a the hat trick for the Thunderhawks; John Wagner scored a pair and Isaac Vanderzalm, Chris Robertson, and Zach Luis each scored a single goal.

This ends another successful Junior B lacrosse season and the players and coaches would like to thank all their loyal fans this past season.

Notable notes: The coaching staff of Randy Chrysler; Roger Chrysler; Ron Henry; Ron McCormick; and Dale Henry and been named the Western Division Coaches of the Year for the third time in the past four years.

Chris Weier was honoured with the Western Division defensive player of the Year.

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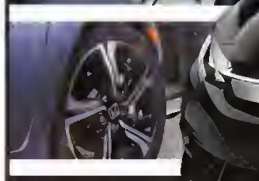

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John Chang,

NOTL Winery owner arrested in China for alleged smuggling

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A Niagara winery owner has been arrested in China for allegedly smuggling tens of millions of dollars' worth of icewine into the country.

Last Thursday, Chinese state media reported John Chang, also winemaker and owner of Lulu Island Winery in Richmond B.C., is believed to be among four individuals arrested for smuggling Canadian icewine into China.

Chang had recently purchased the Niagara-on-the-Lake Lailey Vineyard winery from the Lailey family. His Lailey ownership was confirmed by the Wine Council of Ontario, which has otherwise declined to comment.

When Postmedia Network contacted Lailey Vineyard by phone on Friday, a reporter was told to send any questions about the incident to a winery e-mail address.

A follow-up e-mail from "Amy" states in part: "We have found the inaccurate reporting on Lulu Island and Mr. John Chang to be highly irresponsible and damaging to their reputation.

"Lailey Winery is independently operated and is not involved in the Lulu Island investigation."

Chinese state-owned media Legal Daily and the Xinhua News Agency both referred to the detained Canadian winery owner only as "Zhang," which is the spelling of Chang under the Pinyin system in use in Mainland China.

However, news websites 163.com and Canada-based iask.ca both identified John Chang by his full Chinese name.

All reports said Chang was arrested following an investigation into "icewine import-data anomalies."

When reached by phone at Lulu Island Winery, a staff member declined to confirm whether Chang had been arrested in China, but took down contact information and said a manager would respond at a later date.

The winery later released a statement in response to the reports.

"Lulu Island has been importing wine to China for many years through properly licensed importing agencies in China," it reads. "Lulu Island believes all of its wine imports to China have been done in full compliance with all (applicable) laws, rules and regulations."

The statement acknowledged that Chinese authorities have been investigating imported wine from a number of sources, including Canada, and said that the winery had retained legal counsel.

"Lulu Island and Mr. Chang have been co-operating fully with customs authorities with their investigation, and we are confident that the investigation will confirm that Lulu Island has not done anything wrong."

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Chinese authorities have been investigating imported wine from a number of sources

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Officials allege "Zhang" had smuggled 300 million yuan ($58.8-million) worth of wine and icewine into the country, the latter of which is hugely popular in China. The charge follows several raids that took place March 25 in Shanghai, Xian, Chengdu, Shenzhen and Xiamen.

A total of 18 individuals were arrested, with four being charged.

Chinese law notes that those found guilty of evading more than 500,000 yuan in taxes could be punished with anywhere from 10 years to life in prison, as well as a fine of 100 to 500 per cent of the evaded taxes.

The Legal Daily report doesn't name the winery or the full name of its owner, however, photos accompanying the report show officials performing a raid on shipping containers filled with boxes that bear the Lulu Island Winery logo.

Chinese reports allege Chang provided guided tours of his winery to foreigners and tourists, and offered to ship any purchases by Chinese citizens to a distribution centre in China, before later being delivered to the purchaser's Chinese address.

"Under the direction of Zhang, the winery produced false customs declaration forms, in order for the declared amount to be far lower than the actual transaction price," the Legal Daily report said.

Customs officials said "a certain brand of icewine in Canada" was declared with an average cost of only 10 yuan ($1.96), when 375-millilitre bottles generally retail for $50 to $100.

Diana Khaddaj of Global Affairs Canada confirmed a Canadian had been arrested in China, but didn't release further details. "Consular services are being provided to a Canadian citizen who has been detained in Shanghai, China," she said in a statement.

Chang, who was born in Taiwan, first immigrated to Canada in 1995 and began making wine the following year. In 2000, Chang founded Blossom Winery, before later establishing Lulu Island Winery in 2007.

At 6.1-hectares, Richmond's Lulu Island Winery is the largest winery in Metro Vancouver and produces about 1,000 tonnes of winemaking grapes annually. A total of 30 per cent of those grapes are made into icewine. The winery produces about half of B.C.'s icewine and exports about 70 per cent of its icewine to China, Taiwan and Japan.

"Winemaking should be an art. We are not seeking an increase in quantity, but in quality. Your product has to stand out," Chang told Postmedia in a January 2016 article.

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MARIA SACZKOWSKI

It is with much emotion and broken hearts that we announce the passing of our strong, loving, loyal mother and Nonnie, Maria Saczkowska at Hospica Niagara on Monday, July 25, 2016 at the aga of 93. Maria, born in Poland, cama to Canada with two of har thrae childran to reunita with her husband Michael (decaased) following WWII. Sha was latar joinad by her parents Anastasy and Eugenia, brother, Ted (deceased). Maria and Michael worked tirelessly, building a life for their family on Mountain Road in Niagara Falls, where they farmed to the end of their lives. You may have known Maria from stopping by her fruit and vegetable stand on Mountain Rd., or from the years she spent at Farmers' Markets in Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, Burlington or Toronto. She loved her customers, many of whom were loyal across family generations. You may have known Maria from Our Lady Of The Scapular, where she regularly attended church, just as the grandmother she idealized had done generations ago in Poland. You could always find her in the same pew, well dressed, elegant, excited to sing while surrounded by her community and long-time friends. You may have known Maria from the Polish Club in Niagara Falls, where she maintained and embraced a dedicated community of Poles, sharing meals and reveling in the occasional night of traditional music and dancing. However you may have known Maria, we know that you feel as we do: irreversibly touched by her love and generosity. She found the most joy in her relationships, and you all brought her great happiness. *Dziekuje bardzo*. The family and Maria would like to especially thank Dr. Xin Chong, Hospice Niagara doctors, staff and volunteers, Walker Cancer Centra, Pam and Beth at CCAC, Homa Instead and Paramed caregivers, Marian Zaleski and tha numarous friands who cared for and visitad Maria in har final waaks. As God closes tha door on Maria's lifa hera on earth, we know ha has opened a window in Heaven where sha rests in peace and will continue to watch over and love us all. Maria will be greatly missed by her children, Marie (Chris), Michael (Kathy) and John (Inge), her grandchildren, Marisia (Doug) and Joshua, Jeremy (Leanne), Kiera (Peter) and Kallen and Peter (Valerie) and Thomas (Sumaya), her great-grand-children, Oak, Ryder and Indy and Justin and Ella and her nephew Teddy. Friends are invited to call at the PATTERSON FUNERAL HOME, 8062 Main St. Niagara Falls, visiting Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Vigil prayers will be celebrated at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Scapular Church. The Rite of Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. In memory of Maria donations in lieu flowers to Hospice Niagara would be appreciated by her family. Online condolences at:

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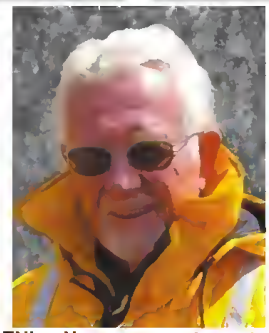
MAY, Glendon George - relinquished life reluctantly. Born in Cooksville in 1937, he was the only child of Florence and George May of Toronto. Glen enjoyed a rewarding and successful career, first as a nawspapar editor and columnist, later in incentiva salas for tha intarnational company, Carlson Markating. Glan and his wife Nancy relocated in town in 2005 from their summer home on Lake Huron. Glen joined the NOTL Golf Club and quickly made new friends. He is survived by daughters Susan O'Brien of Toronto and Kimberly Switnicki of Vancouver Island. His wife Nancy (nee Sibbald) will deeply miss his presence, his love, and his constant companionship. During his treatment, Glen was attended by a talented team of more than a dozen doctors. A special thanks to the staff of Hotel Dieu Shaver for making his last days comfortable. A Celebration of Life will take place in The Cellar at the Old Winery Restaurant 2228 Niagara Stone Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake on August 3rd from 2-4pm. As a regular supporter of the Shaw Festival, a small donation in his name may be considered.



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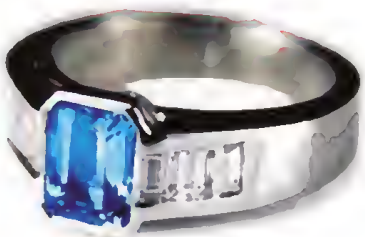

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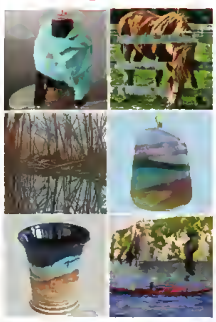

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